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In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Sathyanarayan R. PANNALA

For: STRUCTURED DOCUMENT PREPARATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH A STRUCTURED DOCUMENT IS RECORDED

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on March 13, 2002. A Petition for a 2-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to the Action to May 13, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by May 13, 2002. However, if any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE the claims and ADD new claim 13 in accordance with the following:

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1. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A structured document creation method for creating a structured document in accordance with a predetermined document type definition, comprising: preparing a document instance which presents a contents of said structured document, and a document type definition which defines a document structure of said structured document, including a plurality of element declarations which respectively define a plurality of

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